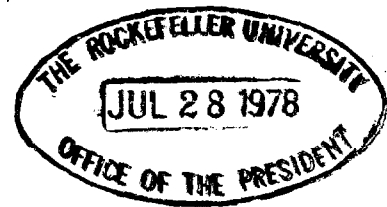


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Mr. David Rockefeller, Chairman
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Dear David:

Ida and I appreciate very much receiving your thoughtful and very interesting letter of the 11th as we enjoy the sea breezes out here in La Jolla.

At the outset, we are anxious for you to know that you and your family have our deepest sympathy in consequence of the very sad and most untimely death of your brother, John.

Because of my contacts in Dallas with Fred Seitz and Pat Haggerty, I was quite aware of Fred's current retirement and the appointment of Joshua Lederberg as his successor. This is, of course, a very important transition because of the supreme stature of the University as a Research-Education Institution - also because of its broad importance to the entire medical fraternity. This personal assessment was well supported in my mind during our visit to the campus four years ago, which you kindly refer to in your letter.

As an interested spectator, it has been easy for me to see and to know that Fred Seitz has done a superb job, not only because of his scientific accomplishments and knowledge, but also because of his unique personal attributes, which have made him such a wonderful individual to work for and to know as a good friend. I hope and assume, of course, that Joshua Lederberg will bring this same valuable combination of personal qualities to his new job to insure an uninterrupted topflight operation. Knowing your own astuteness and good judgment, as well as that of both Fred and Pat, I really feel no worry, or even concern, on this score! However, I would still like to include my personal congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Joshua Lederberg for every success in the future.

Ida and I also appreciate your kind suggestion re our making a next visit to the campus. It so happens, however, that

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we have already charted a busy Fall season for ourselves because of several previous commitments and in spite of the recommendations of my medical advisors in both La Jolla and Dallas to slow down a bit. So - I think it would be only sensible from our point of view to defer such a visitation until next year. I am inclined to think also that such later time would be better for two reasons - one, Joshua Lederberg will be "settled in", so to speak, and two, in consequence of the current wave of economic forecasting, I would like to see how we all feel when 1979 actually arrives. At the present time, I can't help having rather mixed feelings, even though I do prefer to be classified as an optimist, as I feel you are also, because that state of mind has had so much to do with the growth and the progress of our wonderful country!

So, let's keep in touch, as I also visit with Fred and Pat in Dallas.

Ida joins me in sending you our warm and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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